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SUBJ: VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL

1. SUMMARY: FRG FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL PAID TWO-DAY (APRIL 7-9)
OFFICIAL VISIT TO BUDAPEST AT INVITATION OF HUNGARIAN
FOREIGN MINISTER PUJA. SCHEEL WAS RECEIVED BY HSWP
FIRST SECRETARY KADAR, PRESIDENT LOSONCZI AND PREMIER
FOCK. IN ADDITION, SEVERAL MEETINGS WERE HELD AT
FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL CONCERNING BILATERAL TRADE AND
EUROPEAN SECURITY. END SUMMARY.

2. SCHEEL HELD PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE POINTED
FAVORABLY TO RAPID GROWTH IN FRG-HUNGARIAN TRADE.
HE TERMED HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH GOH LEADERS AS
"INTERESTING AND SWEEPING", MENTIONING THAT AGREEMENT
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HAD BEEN REACHED PROVIDING FOR YEARLY TALKS AT DEPUTY

FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL. SAID THAT "IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENEVA AND VIENNA TALKS, COOPERATION MUST BE IMPROVED REGARDLESS OF IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES AND OF DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS..." PRAISED ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT CSCE. QUERIED RE THIRD PHASE, HOWEVER, HE SAID LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION WOULD DEPEND ON RESULTS ACHIEVED IN PRESENT PHASE, ADDING THAT "IF RESULTS WILL BE AS GOOD AS WE HOPE THEM TO BE, THEN HEADS OF STATES WILL HARDLY LEAVE THIS HONORABLE TASK TO FOREIGN MINISTERS. OTHERWISE PERHAPS FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL TAKE PART IN THIS THIRD AND CONCLUDING PHASE".

3. JOINT COMMUNIQUE STRESSED FAVORABLE PROSPECTS CREATED BY ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. BOTH SIDES AGREED TO PREPARE FOLLOWING AGREEMENTS:

(A) LONG TERM AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION;

(B) LONG TERM AGREEMENT ON DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION;

(C) CULTURAL AGREEMENT;

(D) AGREEMENTS CONCERNING VARIOUS FIELDS OF TRANSPORT.

COMMUNIQUE EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF USING INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION TO EXPAND ECONOMIC RELATIONS. BOTH PARTIES PLEDGED TO INCREASE COOPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC, SPORTS AND HEALTH FIELDS.

4. ON INTERNATIONAL SCENE, MINISTERS "WELCOMED DETENTE IN INTERNATIONAL SCENE...AND PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN PEACEFUL COOPERATION OF STATES WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS". THEY POINTED TO IMPORTANCE OF FRG AGREEMENTS WITH USSR, POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND GDR AND AGREED THAT FOUR-POWER AGREEMENT OF SEPT. 3, 1971 "HAD BEEN CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTION TO STABILIZATION OF EUROPEAN POLITICAL SITUATION". HOPE WAS EXPRESSED FOR SOLUTION TO MID-EAST CONFLICT WITHIN CONTEXT OF UNSC RESOLUTIONS AND GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE.

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5. VISIT WAS HIGHLY IMPORTANT STEP IN HUNGARIAN POLITICAL REAPPROACHMENT WITH FRG, WHICH GDR CONSIDERS KEY COUNTRY IN WEST EUROPE. SIGN OF IMPORTANCE WAS RECEPTION OF SCHEEL BY KADAR AND BY SERIES OF NEWS ARTICLES EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE OF BILATERAL TRADE. FRG IS ALREADY LARGEST "CAPITALIST" TRADING PARTNER AND GDR IS HOPING TO SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE BILATERAL

TRADE. WITH GRANTING OF MFN BY US STILL UNDECIDED, HUNGARIANS FIND FRG MOST READILY AVAILABLE SOURCE OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND, IN ADDITION, EXPORT MARKET OF CLOSER PROXIMITY.

5. ON POLITICAL LEVEL, WITH RELATIONS ESTABLISHED AND WP POSITION ON PERMANANCE OF EUROPEAN BOUNDERIES SUBSTANTIALLY ACCEPTED AT CSCE, "GERMAN QUESTION" HAS NOW BEEN RELEGATED TO BACK BURNER. HUNGARIANS, THEREFORE, FEEL SOMEWHAT FREER TO IMRPOVE THEIR RELATIONS WITH FRG. NEVERTHELESS, GOH WILL TAKE CARE NOT TO BE TOO FAR AHEAD OF ITS "ALLIES" IN DEVELOPING CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH FRG. PEDERSEN UNQUOTE
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